Claim 4 has been canceled. The cancellation of Claim 4 in the response filed

December 22, 2008 was unintended. Accordingly, Claim 18 has been newly added. Support

can be found in Claim 4 as originally filed. No new matter has been added.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This paper is filed in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed

May 22, 2009. Examiner Nguyen noted that the Amendment filed December 12, 2008 was

not entered. Thus all present status-identifiers and amendments have been made relative to

the form of the claims upon entry of the amendment filed on June 10, 2008. In addition,

Applicants thank Examiner Nguyen for indicating that Claim 6 is allowed. Applicants submit

that all of the present claims are allowable.

The rejection of Claims 1, 4-5, 7, and 12-13 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) in view of U.S.

Patent 6,730,800 (Fischer et al.) is respectfully traversed. Claim 1 has been amended to

include the limitations Claim 6. Thus, Claim 1 (and claims dependent thereon) is allowable

for the same reasons Claim 6 is allowable.

Accordingly, the rejection should be withdrawn.

The objection to Claim 4 is moot as this claim is canceled. Accordingly, the objection

should be withdrawn.

Request for Rejoinder

Upon making a determination of allowable subject matter, the Office is requested to

rejoin and allow withdrawn Claims 8-11. All of these claims depend from or otherwise

include all of the limitations of the allowable claims, and should therefore be rejoined and

allowed pursuant to M.P.E.P. § 821.04. Moreover, Applicants note that if a product is found

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allowable, any process of making or using the allowable product must also be allowable (See In re Ochiai).

Applicants submit that the present claims are in condition for allowance. Early notification thereof is earnestly solicited.

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